

# **AGENDA**

## **EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

### **UTAH LEGISLATURE**

Monday, December 19, 2016 • 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room • Salt Lake Community College • South City Campus  
1575 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84115

Utah School Leadership Policy Meeting, facilitated by the  
National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

NCSL acknowledges the Wallace Foundation for their generous support of this meeting.

8:00 am – 8:30 am

#### **1. Welcome**

*Welcome and discussion of meeting objectives. Participants will introduce themselves.*

8:30 am – 9:05 am

#### **2. School Principal Leadership Overview and Using State Policy Levers**

*Research shows investments in principals and other administrative school leadership make a positive difference in student outcomes. This presentation will include a brief overview of the importance of school administrators and the policy levers legislators may use to prioritize effective school leadership.*

- Kelly Latterman, Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures

Suggested Pre-Reading:

- [Developing Excellent School Principals to Advance Teaching and Learning: Considerations for State Policy](#)
- [School Leadership Interventions Under the Every Student Succeeds Act](#)

9:05 am – 10:00 am

#### **3. How Does Utah Compare?**

*This session will discuss policies that research shows make a difference in principal preparation program approval and candidate licensure. Participants will hear examples of Utah's policies and comparisons to other states. Utah representatives will discuss the current situation for principal preparation and ongoing education.*

- Kelly Latterman, Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures
- Andrea Rorrer, Director, Utah Education Policy Center
- Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Suggested Pre-reading:

- [A Policymaker's Guide: Research Based Policy for Principal Preparation Program Approval and Licensure](#)

10:00 am – 10:10 am

**Break**

- 10:10 am – 12:10 pm**    **4. What's Working in Principal Preparation?**  
*During this session, program providers will discuss the tools and resources they provide to aspiring principals, how they make research-based decisions, and what they are doing to ensure their graduates are day one ready.*
- Moderator:
- Kelly Latterman, Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures
- Speakers:
- Jason Dougal, Chief Executive Officer, National Institute for School Leadership
  - Steven Tozer, Director, Center for Urban Education Leadership and Professor, Education Policy Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago
  - Jackie Wilson, Director, Center for Education Leadership, Teaching, and Learning, University of Delaware
- 12:10 pm – 1:10 pm**    **5. Working Lunch**  
*A lunch discussion with Utah principals and superintendents. A panel will discuss what is working and what is not in principal preparation and professional development. They will share the leadership qualities they look for while hiring, the challenges and successes in their positions, and what they would like to see change.*
- Lexi Cunningham, Superintendent, Salt Lake City School District
  - Amber Clayton, Principal and Lead Learner, Granger Elementary School
  - Spencer Singer, Principal, Monument Valley High School
- 1:10 pm – 2:45 pm**    **6. Breakout Activity: State Policy Solutions**  
*Participants will break up in small groups to discuss state policy solutions and best practices to promote school leadership. The groups may include these or other topics:*
- Preparation (selection, internship)
  - Licensure (experience and assessment requirements, regulatory policies, alternative pathways)
  - Professional Development (mentoring, induction, ongoing support)
- Each group will respond to the following questions:*
- What are the challenges around this topic area?
  - What are we already doing in Utah to address this topic?
  - What ideas and next steps can and should we take?
- 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm**    **7. Share Out and Walk Through**  
*Groups will share out what they discussed and their group results.*
- 3:15 pm – 3:40 pm**    **8. Thought Questions**  
*Participants will have the opportunity to pose questions to other groups for consideration.*
- 3:40 pm – 4:30 pm**    **9. Guided Group Decisions and Next Steps**  
*In the full group setting, meeting participants will review what they have heard and move towards action-based next steps.*
- 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm**    **10. Meeting Wrap Up and Announcements**